

## ICAR-CIFA organized Awareness cum Training programme on Scientific Aquaculture

ICAR-Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar, organized a Awareness-cum-Training Programme on Scientific Aquaculture under the SCSP project on December 18, 2024, at Saraskola village in the Samapatana block of Keonjhar district, Odisha. The event saw the active participation of nearly 200 beneficiaries, including approximately 170 women



farmers and 30 male farmers, emphasizing the significant role of women in aquaculture and related community activities.

The ICAR-CIFA scientific team, led by Dr. G. S. Saha, Mr. Sovan Sahoo, and Mr. Arun Kumar Behera, interacted with the farmers to address their challenges and introduced them to advanced technologies developed by the institute in aquaculture.

Dr. G. S. Saha discussed marketing strategies to enhance income from fisheries and encouraged farmers to explore ornamental fish culture and aquarium businesses as additional income sources. He also highlighted common fish diseases, such as Argulus infestations, and shared effective solutions for managing them. Mr. Sahoo emphasized adopting fish-based integrated farming systems, while Mr. Behera provided valuable information on different



types of fish feed and their benefits.

The program also featured the active involvement of Mr. Debabrata Samal, DFO, and Mr. Subrat Nayak, AFO, Keonjhar. Mr. Samal discussed about hatchery operations and biofloc technology, while Mr. Nayak outlined various government schemes available for aquaculture.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks from Mr. Durga Charan Mohanty, Proprietor of Maa Tarini Matsya Jaanla Kendra, who expressed his gratitude to all participants and contributors. The program was widely regarded as a valuable and impactful initiative, offering practical insights and solutions for sustainable aquaculture development.

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